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## **CLAIMS**

- 1. A composition for delivery of chlordiazepoxide consisting of a condensation aerosol
- a. formed by volatilizing a coating of chlordiazepoxide on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to produce a heated vapor of chlordiazepoxide and condensing the heated vapor of chlordiazepoxide to form condensation aerosol particles,
- b. wherein said condensation aerosol particles are characterized by less than 5% chlordiazepoxide degradation products, and
  - c. the condensation aerosol has an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 2. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>9</sup> particles per second.
- 3. The composition according to Claim 2, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>10</sup> particles per second.
- 4. A composition for delivery of betahistine consisting of a condensation aerosol
- a. formed by volatilizing a coating of betahistine on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to produce a heated vapor of betahistine and condensing the heated vapor of betahistine to form condensation aerosol particles,
- b. wherein said condensation aerosol particles are characterized by less than
  5% betahistine degradation products, and
  - c. the condensation aerosol has an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 5. The composition according to Claim 4, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>9</sup> particles per second.
- 6. The composition according to Claim 5, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>10</sup> particles per second.

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7. A composition for delivery of clonidine consisting of a condensation aerosol

- a. formed by volatilizing a coating of clonidine on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to produce a heated vapor of clonidine and condensing the heated vapor of clonidine to form condensation aerosol particles,
- b. wherein said condensation aerosol particles are characterized by less than 5% clonidine degradation products, and
  - c. the condensation aerosol has an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 8. The composition according to Claim 7, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>9</sup> particles per second.
- 9. The composition according to Claim 8, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least  $10^{10}$  particles per second.
- 10. A composition for delivery of testosterone consisting of a condensation aerosol
- a. formed by volatilizing a coating of testosterone on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to produce a heated vapor of testosterone and condensing the heated vapor of testosterone to form condensation aerosol particles,
- b. wherein said condensation aerosol particles are characterized by less than 5% testosterone degradation products, and
  - c. the condensation aerosol has an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 11. The composition according to Claim 10, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>9</sup> particles per second.
- 12. The composition according to Claim 11, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>10</sup> particles per second.
  - 13. A composition for delivery of conjugated estrogens consisting of a

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## condensation aerosol

- a. formed by volatilizing a coating of a conjugated estrogen on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to produce a heated vapor of the conjugated estrogen and condensing the heated vapor of the conjugated estrogen to form condensation aerosol particles,
- b. wherein said condensation aerosol particles are characterized by less than
  5% conjugated estrogen degradation products, and
  - c. the condensation aerosol has an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 14. The composition according to Claim 13, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>9</sup> particles per second.
- 15. The composition according to Claim 14, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>10</sup> particles per second.
- 16. A composition for delivery of estrogen esters consisting of a condensation aerosol
- a. formed by volatilizing a coating of estrogen esters on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to produce a heated vapor of the estrogen ester and condensing the heated vapor of the estrogen ester to form condensation aerosol particles,
- b. wherein said condensation aerosol particles are characterized by less than 5% estrogen ester degradation products, and
  - c. the condensation aerosol has an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 17. The composition according to Claim 16, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>9</sup> particles per second.
- 18. The composition according to Claim 17, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least  $10^{10}$  particles per second.
- 19. A composition for delivery of estradiol consisting of a condensation aerosol

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a. formed by volatilizing a coating of estradiol on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to produce a heated vapor of estradiol and condensing the heated vapor of estradiol to form condensation aerosol particles,

- b. wherein said condensation aerosol particles are characterized by less than 5% estradiol degradation products, and
  - c. the condensation aerosol has an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 20. The composition according to Claim 19, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>9</sup> particles per second.
- 21. The composition according to Claim 20, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>10</sup> particles per second.
- 22. A composition for delivery of estradiol esters consisting of a condensation aerosol
- a. formed by volatilizing a coating of an estradiol ester on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to produce a heated vapor of the estradiol ester and condensing the heated vapor of the estradiol ester to form condensation aerosol particles,
- b. wherein said condensation aerosol particles are characterized by less than 5% estradiol ester degradation products, and
  - c. the condensation aerosol has an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 23. The composition according to Claim 22, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>9</sup> particles per second.
- 24. The composition according to Claim 23, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least  $10^{10}$  particles per second.
- 25. A composition for delivery of ethinyl estradiol consisting of a condensation aerosol
  - a. formed by volatilizing a coating of ethinyl estradiol on a solid support,

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having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to produce a heated vapor of ethinyl estradiol and condensing the heated vapor of ethinyl estradiol to form condensation aerosol particles,

- b. wherein said condensation aerosol particles are characterized by less than 5% ethinyl estradiol degradation products, and
  - c. the condensation aerosol has an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 26. The composition according to Claim 25, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>9</sup> particles per second.
- 27. The composition according to Claim 26, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>10</sup> particles per second.
- 28. A composition for delivery of ethinyl estradiol esters consisting of a condensation aerosol
- a. formed by volatilizing a coating of an ethinyl estradiol ester on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to produce a heated vapor of the ethinyl estradiol ester and condensing the heated vapor of the ethinyl estradiol ester to form condensation aerosol particles,
- b. wherein said condensation aerosol particles are characterized by less than 5% ethinyl estradiol ester degradation products, and
  - c. the condensation aerosol has an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 29. The composition according to Claim 28, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least  $10^9$  particles per second.
- 30. The composition according to Claim 29, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least 10<sup>10</sup> particles per second.
- 31. A composition for delivery of hyoscyamine consisting of a condensation aerosol
- a. formed by volatilizing a coating of hyoscyamine on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to produce a heated vapor of

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hyoscyamine and condensing the heated vapor of hyoscyamine to form condensation aerosol particles,

- b. wherein said condensation aerosol particles are characterized by less than 5% hyoscyamine degradation products, and
  - c. the condensation aerosol has an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 32. The composition according to Claim 31, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least  $10^9$  particles per second.
- 33. The composition according to Claim 32 wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of at least  $10^{10}$  particles per second.
  - 34. A method of producing chlordiazepoxide in an aerosol form comprising:
- a. heating a coating of chlordiazepoxide on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to volatilize the chlordiazepoxide to form a heated vapor of the chlordiazepoxide, and
- b. during said heating, passing air through the heated vapor to produce aerosol particles of the chlordiazepoxide comprising less than 5% chlordiazepoxide degradation products, and an aerosol having an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 35. The method according to Claim 34, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^9$  particles per second.
- 36. The method according to Claim 35, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^{10}$  particles per second.
  - 37. A method of producing betahistine in an aerosol form comprising:
- a. heating a coating of betahistine on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to volatilize the betahistine to form a heated vapor of the betahistine, and
- b. during said heating, passing air through the heated vapor to produce aerosol particles of the betahistine comprising less than 5% betahistine degradation products, and an aerosol having an MMAD of less than 3 microns.

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- 38. The method according to Claim 37, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^9$  particles per second.
- 39. The method according to Claim 38, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^{10}$  particles per second.
  - 40. A method of producing clonidine in an aerosol form comprising:
- a. heating a coating of clonidine on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to volatilize the clonidine to form a heated vapor of the clonidine, and
- b. during said heating, passing air through the heated vapor to produce aerosol particles of the clonidine comprising less than 5% clonidine degradation products, and an aerosol having an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 41. The method according to Claim 40, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^9$  particles per second.
- 42. The method according to Claim 41, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^{10}$  particles per second.
  - 43. A method of producing testosterone in an aerosol form comprising:
- a. heating a coating of testosterone on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to volatilize the testosterone to form a heated vapor of the testosterone, and
- b. during said heating, passing air through the heated vapor to produce aerosol particles of the testosterone comprising less than 5% testosterone degradation products, and an aerosol having an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 44. The method according to Claim 43, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^9$  particles per second.
  - 45. The method according to Claim 44, wherein the aerosol particles are

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formed at a rate of greater than 10<sup>10</sup> particles per second.

- 46. A method of producing conjugated estrogens in an aerosol form comprising:
- a. heating a coating of a conjugated estrogen on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to volatilize the conjugated estrogen to form a heated vapor of the conjugated estrogen, and
- b. during said heating, passing air through the heated vapor to produce aerosol particles of the conjugated estrogen comprising less than 5% conjugated estrogen degradation products, and an aerosol having an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 47. The method according to Claim 46, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^9$  particles per second.
- 48. The method according to Claim 47, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^{10}$  particles per second.
  - 49. A method of producing estrogen esters in an aerosol form comprising:
- a. heating a coating of an estrogen ester on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to volatilize the estrogen ester to form a heated vapor of the estrogen esters, and
- b. during said heating, passing air through the heated vapor to produce aerosol particles of the estrogen ester comprising less than 5% estrogen ester degradation products, and an aerosol having an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 50. The method according to Claim 49, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^9$  particles per second.
- 51. The method according to Claim 50, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^{10}$  particles per second.
  - 52. A method of producing estradiol in an aerosol form comprising:
  - a. heating a coating of estradiol on a solid support, having the surface texture

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of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to volatilize the estradiol to form a heated vapor of the estradiol, and

- b. during said heating, passing air through the heated vapor to produce aerosol particles of the estradiol comprising less than 5% estradiol degradation products, and an aerosol having an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 53. The method according to Claim 52, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^9$  particles per second.
- 54. The method according to Claim 53, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^{10}$  particles per second.
  - 55. A method of producing estradiol esters in an aerosol form comprising:
- a. heating a coating of an estradiol ester on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to volatilize the estradiol ester to form a heated vapor of the estradiol ester, and
- b. during said heating, passing air through the heated vapor to produce aerosol particles of the estradiol ester comprising less than 5% estradiol ester degradation products, and an aerosol having an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 56. The method according to Claim 55, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^9$  particles per second.
- 57. The method according to Claim 56, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^{10}$  particles per second.
  - A method of producing ethinyl estradiol in an aerosol form comprising:
- a. heating a coating of ethinyl estradiol on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to volatilize the ethinyl estradiol to form a heated vapor of the ethinyl estradiol, and
- b. during said heating, passing air through the heated vapor to produce aerosol particles of the ethinyl estradiol comprising less than 5% ethinyl estradiol degradation products, and an aerosol having an MMAD of less than 3 microns.

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59. The method according to Claim 59, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^9$  particles per second.

- 60. The method according to Claim 60, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^{10}$  particles per second.
- 61. A method of producing ethinyl estradiol esters in an aerosol form comprising:
- a. heating a coating of an ethinyl estradiol ester on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to volatilize the ethinyl estradiol ester to form a heated vapor of the ethinyl estradiol ester, and
- b. during said heating, passing air through the heated vapor to produce aerosol particles of the ethinyl estradiol ester comprising less than 5% ethinyl estradiol ester degradation products, and an aerosol having an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 62. The method according to Claim 61, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^9$  particles per second.
- 63. The method according to Claim 62, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^{10}$  particles per second.
  - 64. A method of producing hyoscyamine in an aerosol form comprising:
- a. heating a coating of hyoscyamine on a solid support, having the surface texture of a metal foil, to a temperature sufficient to volatilize the hyoscyamine to form a heated vapor of the hyoscyamine, and
- b. during said heating, passing air through the heated vapor to produce aerosol particles of the hyoscyamine comprising less than 5% hyoscyamine degradation products, and an aerosol having an MMAD of less than 3 microns.
- 65. The method according to Claim 65, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than  $10^9$  particles per second.

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66. The method according to Claim 65, wherein the aerosol particles are formed at a rate of greater than 10<sup>10</sup> particles per second.